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2. The crate of claim 1, wherein the standoff portions have a height corresponding to the height of the container lower portion.

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2 ~~3~~ 4. The crate of claim 1, further comprising a lid member
3 pivotably attached at least one of the first and second pair of opposed side walls, the
4 lid member having a lid inner surface with a lid capture area formed therein
5 corresponding to each container retention area, the lid capture area sized to receive
an upper portion of a respective container for providing alignment to the container.

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6. The crate of claim 5, further comprising at least one lid member pivotably attached to at least one of the first and second pair of opposed side walls, the at least one lid member orientable between a closed position and an open

4 position, the lid member having an outer surface with a plurality of projections
 5 extending therefrom, wherein when the lid of the crate is in the closed position and
 6 a second crate is stacked thereupon, the projections of the lid member area received
 7 within a corresponding projection receiving areas of the second crate for providing
 8 a more stable stacking configuration.

1 7. The crate of claim 1, wherein the plurality of standoff portions
 2 have a mating surface for engaging the lower portion of the container.

1 8. The crate of claim 7, wherein the mating surface of the
 2 standoff portions is contoured for engaging the lower portion of the container.

1 9. The crate of claim 7, wherein the standoff portions have a
 2 height relatively shorter than the corresponding divider members.

1 10. The crate of claim 1, wherein each container receiving area has
 2 four standoff portions extending therein for engaging the container.

1 11. The crate of claim 1, wherein the standoff portions engage the
 2 bottom panel.

1 12. A crate adapted to store therein a container having a central
 2 container portion having label disposed thereon and a lower portion disposed below
 3 the label, the crate comprising:

4 a floor member having an upper surface with a plurality of container
 5 support portions disposed thereon;

6 a first pair of opposed upstanding side walls and a second pair of
 7 opposed upstanding side walls attached to a periphery of the floor member and
 8 defining a compartment area with the floor member; and

9 at least one container standoff member disposed within the
 10 compartment area proximate the floor member and associated with a corresponding
 11 container support portion for defining at least one container receiving area, the at
 12 least one standoff member having a relatively short height corresponding to the lower

13 portion of the container, the standoff member adapted to engage the lower portion
14 of the container and oriented such that it does not contact the label of the container.

1 *Sub B67* 13. The crate of claim 12, further comprising a first and second
2 pair of divider members which extend longitudinally and transversely in the
3 compartment area, respectively, to surround the at least one container receiving area.

1 14. The crate of claim 12, further comprising a lid member
2 pivotably attached to at least one of the first and second pair of opposed upstanding
3 side walls, the lid member having a lid inner surface with a lid capture area formed
4 therein corresponding to each container retention area, the lid capture area sized to
5 receive an upper portion of a respective container for providing alignment to the
6 container.

1 15. The crate of claim 12, wherein the floor member has a bottom
2 surface with a plurality of projection receiving areas formed therein.

1 16. The crate of claim 15, further comprising at least one lid
2 member pivotably attached to at least one of the first and second pair of opposed side
3 walls, the at least one lid member orientable between a closed position and an open
4 position, the lid member having an outer surface with a plurality of projections
5 extending therefrom, wherein when the lid of the crate is in the closed position and
6 a second crate is stacked thereupon, at least some of the plurality of projections on
7 the lid member are received within corresponding projection receiving areas of the
8 second crate for providing a more stable stacking configuration.

1 *SUB A4* 17. The crate of claim 12, wherein the plurality of standoff
2 portions have a mating surface for engaging the container.

1 18. The crate of claim 12, wherein the standoff portions have a
2 height relatively shorter than the corresponding divider members.

1 19. The crate of claim 12, wherein the standoff portions engage
2 the floor member.

1 *SUB A4* 20. A crate for retaining containers having an upper container
 2 ~~portion~~, the crate comprising:
 3 a floor having a periphery and an upper surface with a plurality of
 4 container support areas;
 5 a first and second pair of opposed sidewalls extending upwardly from
 6 the floor periphery and defining a compartment area;
 7 a lid member pivotably attached at least one of the first and second
 8 pair of opposed side walls and movable between an open and closed position, the lid
 9 member having a lid inner surface having a lid capture area corresponding to each
 10 container support area, the lid capture area sized to receive therein the upper
 11 container portion of a respective one of the containers for providing alignment to the
 12 container; and
 13 a plurality of low profile spacer members disposed within the
 14 compartment and disposed proximate the floor such that the container support areas
 15 and proximate spacer members define container receiving areas for contacting the
 16 containers and spacing the container from each other and the sidewalls.

1 *SUB A5* 21. The crate of claim 20, at least one of the sidewalls has a lock
 2 receiver formed therein, and the lid member has at least one locking member
 3 attached thereto, such that when the lid member is in the closed position, the locking
 4 member is received within the lock receiver for securing the lid member thereto.

1 *SUB A5* 22. The crate of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of divider
 2 members extending longitudinally and transversely in the compartment area to define
 3 the plurality of container retention areas, the divider members spaced apart from the
 4 *VAR* standoff portions to enclose at least one container receiving area.

1 *SUB A6* 23. The crate of claim 20, wherein the floor has a bottom surface
 2 with a plurality of receiving areas formed therein.

1 *SUB A6* 24. The crate of claim 20, wherein the lid member has an outer
 2 surface with a projection member extending therefrom corresponding to each lid
 3 *VAR* capture area, wherein when the lid member is in the closed position and a second

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